

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

KELSIE HUTCHINSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kelsie Hutchinson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kelsie Hutchinson is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kelsie Hutchinson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kelsie Hutchinson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

HONORING TIMOTHY ANDERSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy D. Andersen of Parkville, Missouri. Timothy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timothy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timothy D. Andersen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING EMILE LASALLE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emile LaSalle upon his recognition at the 2008 Future Farmers of America Blue and Gold Gala. Mr. LaSalle will

be honored by the California FFA Foundation on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at PR Farms in Clovis, California.

Mr. LaSalle was born in 1918 in Bellflower, California to French immigrant parents. He grew up working on his family's farm and dairy after school and on the weekends. He spoke only French when he began school. This did not hold him back; he graduated from Excelsior High School at seventeen years old. In high school he participated on the track and tennis teams. During his junior year, he joined Future Farmers of America and successfully competed in livestock judging and public speaking.

Mr. LaSalle was awarded a one hundred dollar scholarship for college and decided to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He worked his way through college milking cows. It was in the dairy barn where he met Helen McPhee, the daughter of Cal Poly President Julian McPhee. Mr. LaSalle completed his education at Utah State and in 1942 married Helen. Shortly after finishing school, he began his first agriculture teaching assignment at Manteca High School.

In 1944, Mr. LaSalle enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served until 1946. In 1948 he and his family moved to Hanford, California and entered into the dairy business. In 1953 he accepted a position at Hanford High School teaching agriculture. After teaching for 13 years, Mr. LaSalle assumed the position of South Coast Regional Supervisor for the California State Department of Education.

1976 brought retirement. This did not slow Mr. LaSalle down. Rather he began farming alfalfa in the Creston area. He became active on the Atascadero School Board and followed other political endeavors. At 79 years old he purchased an 80 acre farm in Stratford and has expanded his farm to 800 acres. Nearing his 90th birthday he continues to grow alfalfa and oat hay. He also still often visits the Cal Poly campus, visiting and discussing agriculture with the students. Mr. LaSalle is the father of six, grandfather of seventeen and great-grandfather of eight.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Emile LaSalle for sharing his passion for agriculture and dedication to agriculture education and the Future Farmers of America. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Emile LaSalle many years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
SHAUN O'KEEFE FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shaun O'Keefe showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Shaun O'Keefe was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Shaun O'Keefe always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Shaun O'Keefe on winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY OF SYRACUSE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Salvation Army of Syracuse, New York.

Founded in 1883, the Salvation Army of Syracuse, New York, was started by four young volunteers who had a great desire to serve others. This organization became well established in the area and by 1898 was providing those in need with food and shelter.

Since its humble beginnings, the Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area has seen tremendous growth. Serving over 30,000 people annually, 2,000 volunteers give generously of their time and talents. This fine organization provides valuable programs to those in need, including a food pantry, day care, counseling, and housing.

Over the years, my office has had the privilege of working with both former Executive Director Bobbie Schofield and current Executive Director Linda Wright. Their tireless dedication and professionalism have always served as an inspiration. In particular, I continue to be impressed by the caliber of programs developed by the Salvation Army in response to the ever changing needs of our community.

The Salvation Army of Syracuse has graciously served others, and I am proud to recognize it today. I congratulate Executive Director Linda M. Wright and her dedicated staff—both past and present—on reaching this milestone. On behalf of the people of the 25th district of New York, I thank them for their 125 years of service that has been such a positive influence on the community.

TRIBUTE TO ED LAVERY

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, with great appreciation I rise today to honor a dedicated and highly respected firefighter, Ed

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